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## OVER 100 NAZI PLANES DOWNED IN HOLLAND

### HITLER'S "BLITZKREIG ACE" IS TRUMPED BY ALLIES

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE DESTROYS GERMAN TROOP PLANES AT ROTTERDAM

The news received in the Colony last night that more than one-hundred German planes had been brought down in Dutch territory, is an indication of the effectiveness of the measures taken in Holland to counteract Nazi activities over the Netherlands.

Added to this, the announcement that, with only one exception, all Dutch aerodromes are again in Allied hands, must prove as satisfactory to Allied sympathisers as the reverse was undoubtedly disappointing to Adolf Hitler, World Enemy No. 1.

#### DESPERATE GERMAN EFFORTS:

The Germans are making desperate efforts to prevent movement of Allied troops in the direction of the Belgian frontier, but this time they have the Allied Air Forces to reckon with. Content to resign their security to such capable protectors, an admirable calm prevails throughout Belgium and Holland.

One of the highlights of the achievements of the Royal Air Force was a devastating attack on Nazi troop-carrying planes which were grounded at Rotterdam and The Hague on Saturday afternoon. It would appear, therefore, that the Allies have trumped Herr Hitler's "Blitzkrieg Ace."

#### INDIGNANT AMERICAN REACTION:

Significant of the trend of opinion in America is the declaration made by President Roosevelt yesterday that he was proud that the Americans were "shocked and angered" at the bombing of open towns and civilians by the Germans.

More significant still is the statement made by Mr. Win. H. H. Wood, the newspaper magnate and considered to be one of the most influential partisans of the anti-Roosevelt clique, that "Franklin D." will be elected for a third term of office.



THE GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBOURG

BRUSSELS, May 11 (Reuter)—The American Ambassador informed his Government that the whole of Luxembourg and the Dutch Province of Limburg have been overrun by the Germans. Grand Duchess Charlotte and her husband, Prince Felix Bourbon-Parma, have escaped into France.

#### FINE DUTCH ACTION

##### GERMAN TROOPS "DISPERSED"

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—Dutch forces have "dispersed" German troops from the bridge across the Meuse in Rotterdam where Nazi soldiers had been landed by parachute. The Germans surrendered and 40 have been taken prisoner so far. German parachute troops at Delft and Leyden have been wiped out.

A Dutch communique says that Dutch troops have fulfilled their task according to a pre-arranged plan. Demolitions have been carried out to order, and all bridges across the Maas and Yssel have been destroyed. Only in east Arnhem, nine miles from Germany, have Nazi troops reached the Yssel.

German planes dropped parachute troops at certain points but their mission failed and one by one they are being surrounded. Some of them were in Dutch uniform.

BRUSSELS, May 11 (Reuter)—The military position early this morning remained unchanged with the Belgians holding "lines of destruction" which are considerably in advance of the main lines of defence. Belgium, after one day's war, stands firmly behind King Leopold with implicit faith in the courage and efficiency of the Belgian Army to resist the invaders.

#### THEY KNEW ADOLF!

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter)—Questioned regarding Belgium's gold supply, the Belgian ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Georges Theunis, at present head of the economic mission here, replied: "Practically all our gold is here or elsewhere. We moved it out a year ago. We know our neighbours."

#### TWO PAPERS BANNED

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—The Minister of Information has signed an order prohibiting the dispatch abroad of the Communist organ Daily Worker and the Fascist publication Action.

The Ministry states the Daily Worker and Action are well-known to make a practice of publishing allegations which create in the minds of neutrals misapprehension about British policy.

### Night Long Air Raids On All Parts Of Holland

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—Amsterdam was bombed during the night. From 2 a.m. aeroplane engines were heard many times and these were accompanied by bursts of firing. At 6 a.m. several deep thuds were heard and a few seconds later the wall of the sirens told the people to go for the first time to the air raid shelters.

Throughout the night raids had been carried out on different parts of Holland. Many parachutists had been dropped at various points, including Gouda, near Amsterdam, Bostel, Broekmans and Suetermeerg—a military airport near Princess Juliana's residence.

Bombs and parachutists were dropped at Eindhoven and about 35 parachutists were also landed at Doordrecht, near Rotterdam.

#### PEOPLE VERY CALM

The Netherlands are remaining very cool, and almost immediately after the first raid had passed, the usual stream of early morning cyclists began pedalling to work and there were no signs of any undue emotion.

A terrific explosion took place in the south-eastern section of the city, believed to have been a heavy bomb, due to a German plane being shot down, exploding.

The police told Reuter's special correspondent that no bombs appear to have been dropped in the central part of Amsterdam; the only parts bombed so far being around the airport.

#### NAZIS HUNTED

AMSTERDAM, May 11 (Reuter)—All last night and today

Dutch troops behind the line have been engaged in hunting German parachutists. They have been assisted by the police and civilian volunteers and guards armed with rifles, bayonets and revolvers.

The troops at the front appear to be holding the Germans well along the lines announced in yesterday's High Command communique.

#### CHASING OFF BOMBERS

The members of Holland's tiny, but efficient, Air Force have been continuously on duty since the war began, chasing off German bombers and bombing German troop concentrations.

From the attitude of all soldiers seen by Reuter's special correspondent, it is obvious that the spirits of the army and other forces are high, and their determination is unshaken by the fury and rapidity of the German onslaught.

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter)—After a conference in the White House, Admiral Stark announced that the U.S. Fleet would remain for some time in Hawaiian waters, though the manoeuvres were over.

#### BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER



Mr. Winston Churchill with daughter Mary.

### Soldiers Of Liberty Cross Into Belgian Territory: World Holds Breath To Await Battle

PARIS, May 11 (Reuter)—In a special broadcast last night M. Reynaud, the French Premier, said: "Three countries have been invaded by Germany and these countries have asked the Allies for help. This morning, between 7 and 8 o'clock, our soldiers—the soldiers of liberty—crossed the frontier into Belgium."

"Our people know the battlefield is there and today every free man and woman, everywhere in the world, holds their breath to await the battle."

"Today Hitler has thrown off his mask and he hardly tries to excuse his action. Obviously the action was taken against France—peaceful, calm, steady and confident France."

"This is the hour in which we will prepare ourselves for the great battle."

LYONS ATTACKED  
PARIS, May 11 (Reuter)—The Lyons Aerodrome was again attacked yesterday afternoon, the attack lasting for over an hour. French anti-aircraft guns went into intensive action; the French had no casualties.

NO ADVANCE  
PARIS, May 11 (Reuter)—A communique issued last night states that our movements continued in Belgium. In the south of Luxembourg, despite violent attacks, the enemy was unable to effect any new advance. There is nothing to report in Lorraine and Alsace.

Bombing by German aviation in French territory yesterday caused

### FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW



HEAD OF THE EMPIRE

#### Message From King To Staunch Allies

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King has sent telegrams to King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina, and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg. The telegram to King Leopold says: "The German forces are invading your country in flagrant violation of International Law and of the specific assurances given by the German Government."

"This outrage is committed despite the strict neutrality observed by Belgium since the outbreak of the war. I wish to express how deep is my disgust at this crime and how profound my admiration for the gallant resistance now being made by the Belgian people under your leadership."

"For the second time within a quarter of a century, Germany made an unprovoked attack upon your country and once more, in accordance with the obligations assumed by my Government and the French Government, Allied forces are hastening to the support of your people."

"I have complete faith that together our arms will again prevail and Belgium will maintain her freedom and independence. In this critical hour I wish to convey to you and your people an expression of sympathy and admiration for your country which is felt by my peoples throughout the world."

#### BRUTAL INVASION

The telegram to Queen Wilhelmina says: "I am profoundly shocked by the news of the brutal and wholly unwarranted German invasion of your country. Not only is the action in defiance of International Law and solemn undertakings, but also without any pretence of warning. The neutrality so strictly observed by the Netherlands since the outbreak of war has been grossly outraged."

"I wish to express my disgust at this crime and my admiration for the brave resistance which is being made by the people of the Netherlands under your leadership. I am confident that our cause will prevail and that the Netherlands, true to their own history, will still remain the home of free men."

"I wish to convey to you and all your people the expression of

#### Allies Take Selon

LONDON, MAY 11 (REUTER)—Military circles state that Selon, in south Luxembourg, is reported to be in Allied hands. German forces are reported to have reached the outer defences and crossed the Albert Canal at Maastricht and making a strong drive towards Roermond.

The main German advance appears to be to the north of the Rhine towards Almelo, Hengelo and Arnhem where a fight is proceeding. German troops are reported to have penetrated as far north as Groningen. The Germans, as far as is known, have not debouched southwards from the Luxembourg frontier.

The Allied advance is proceeding according to plan and yesterday's operations are regarded as satisfactory. During the advance British troops were bombed but without serious casualties. The Allied air forces retaliated by bombing German troop concentrations and columns on the move.

#### BLITZKRIEG DOOMED

Military circles state that an essential feature of yesterday's operations was the war in the air while land fighting does not appear to be developing on the scale anticipated. It is suggested that the German blitzkrieg tactics may have been frustrated by the swift action of the Dutch in destroying the bridges on the Maas all of which were blown up with the exception of that at Gennet which is over 15 miles to the south of the Rhine.

Information reaching London indicated that all parachutists dropped around The Hague on Friday were dealt with but more were dropped this morning and there is no indication yet regarding their fate. Parachutists are also reported to have been dropped between Brussels and Louvain.

### STOP PRESS

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's new Premier, today had consultations with Opposition leaders and various members of the Conservative Party. It is suggested in some quarters that Mr. Churchill wishes to have Mr. Chamberlain as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader in the Commons, but it is believed that some of Mr. Chamberlain's critics are finding it difficult to agree.

Mr. Lloyd George is now regarded as a probable member of the Cabinet.

#### THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT

LOS ANGELES, May 11 (Reuter)—The prediction that President Roosevelt will be nominated with acclamation for a third term as President and "very possibly be elected" if made by Mr. William Hearst, one of the President's most influential enemies, writing in the Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. Hearst adds that Mr. Roosevelt is a popular personality in political sagacity and the course of events throughout the world would result in this.

He alleges, however, that Mr. Roosevelt's re-election would mean an autocracy in place of democracy in the United States.

#### SIR ROGER KEYES

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—Admiral Sir Roger Keyes has been appointed an additional Naval Attaché at Brussels to afford special liaison with the King of the Belgians.



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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### UNCERTAINTY ENDED

THE BATTLE to decide the issues between the forces of might and the claims and rights of humanity is on in deadly earnest. The period of uncertainty has ended and once again the battle-ground of twenty-five years ago will witness even a greater struggle to decide with whom victory shall lie. The murderous onslaught of the German hordes on Holland and Belgium is meeting a resistance which is unprecedented in history. The tactical surprise with which the Nazis hoped to confound the morale of the Allies and to undermine the resistance of the gallant Belgian and Dutch people has failed to achieve its purpose. The armies of liberty have once again joined hands to bring home to the brutal instigator of aggression the full penalty for his crimes.

THE WORLD awaits the result of the conflict with increasing confidence in the will of the Allied arms to prevail. The news already received shows that the methods which Herr Hitler used for his much-vaunted blitzkrieg are of no avail against the readiness with which the Allies and their staunch Belgian and Dutch comrades accepted his challenge. This will undoubtedly incense the Nazi maniac to further crimes of violence against the laws of civilisation. Much innocent blood will have to be shed to obtain the redress which the whole world desires and sacrifices, however terrible, will be cheerfully given with the determination to bring the realisation of liberty and peace nearer to all those who so anxiously crave for these principles of existence. The battle is truly on and, with God on the side of right, the issue is no longer in doubt.

### MR. CHURCHILL — PRIME MINISTER:

WITH CHARACTERISTIC dignity and calm the British public has made its decision on the important political question of who should lead the Empire in succession to Mr. Neville Chamberlain. In the midst of the graver issues involved in the brutal invasion of the Low Countries by Nazi Germany, the political development in Britain gave the people the opportunity to express their opinion on the conduct of the war before the fighting was extended to the stage it has reached today of final open conflict with Herr Hitler's minions.

AS ONE, the British public rallied and as one body they made their choice and Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty under Mr. Chamberlain, has taken over the reins of Government. His ability as a war-time leader is recognised. The country looks on Mr. Churchill as the only man who can be compared with Mr. Lloyd George, the war-time Premier of twenty-five years ago, and, as such, he takes over his new office with the full confidence of the people. Mr. Chamberlain's services to his country will never be forgotten. He has the sympathy of every man and woman for his untiring efforts in the cause of peace and humanity. That he failed to achieve these was not his fault. His policy was not strong enough to counter Nazi brutality and he has given way to the need for more vigorous methods than those which he was prepared to follow. And thus the heavy responsibility of guiding the destinies of the nation has passed to new hands—and the peoples of Britain and her vast Empire are satisfied.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CONDEMNS INVASION

### Aggression Regarded As A Challenge To U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt made a tremendous impression on his audience last night with his reference to the "shock and anger" engendered by the invasion of the Low Countries.

The passage was loudly cheered as was also his assertion that aggression elsewhere presented a definite challenge to American civilisation.

The speech is regarded as his most challenging utterance since his Quarantine Speech, made in Chicago, in 1937. It is likely to be regarded as a challenge by the extreme isolationists.

#### "SHOCKED AND ANGERED"

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt, addressing the Pan-American Scientific Congress, said he was proud that the Americas were both "shocked and angered" by the news of the latest invasion of neutrals.

Declaring "I am a pacifist and you, my fellow citizens of twenty-one American Republics are pacifists," President Roosevelt said the Americas had become the guardian of western culture and the protector of Christian civilisation.

He added: "Those who seek to dominate hundreds of millions of people in vast continental areas are those who, if successful in that aim, will, we must now admit, enlarge their wild dream to encompass every human being and every mile of the earth's surface."

That seemed to him the most immediate issue that the Americas faced. Could they continue their peaceful reconstruction if all other continents embraced, by prefer-

ence or by compulsion, a wholly different principle of life?

Surely, he added, it is time for our Republics to spread that problem before us in the cold light of day, and especially to act with humanity and singleness of purpose.

## UNITED STATES SPEEDS UP DEFENCE PLANS

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter)—The latest war developments have produced strong indications that a quick acceleration of United States defence is likely.

With many Congressmen in the mood to disregard expense, Congress heard that President Roosevelt is contemplating asking for immediate expansion of both the Army and the Navy, and reviving the War Department's commendation for a reserve of arms and supplies costing altogether \$500,000,000 or more.

Added to the appropriations already made, or pending, this would raise the total defence outlay for the fiscal year beginning July 1, to nearly \$2,287,000,000.

There was a chorus of demands in the House for an immediate re-

## PRIME MINISTER

### Japanese Reaction To Latest Nazi Move

TOKYO, May 11 (Reuter)—The reaction of the Japanese press to the German invasion of the Low Countries may be generally summed up by quoting the Hochi Shimbun.

The effects of the new German aggression, as far as Japan is concerned, says the paper, depend on the following points:

FIRSTLY, the attitude which Britain, France and the United States will take towards the Dutch East Indies—depending on the attitude of the United States that there is danger of the war spreading to the Pacific.

SECONDLY, whether or not the United States will extend its hand to the Dutch East Indies; if so the issue would become really serious.

THIRDLY, the possibility of Britain proposing joint control of the Dutch East Indies by the Allies, the United States and Japan; and

FOURTHLY, the necessity for the Allies to concentrate their influence all the more in Europe. Concerning the fourth point, the Hochi Shimbun says that for General Chiang Kai-shek the operation will become more difficult and the "China Incident" will develop more advantageously for Japan.

The Asahi Shimbun says that the time has now come when Japan should think more seriously about her non-involvement policy.

TOKYO, May 11 (Reuter)—At an emergency session of the Jap-

### BOMBS IN BASLE

BERNE, May 11 (Reuter)—A number of bombs were dropped near Delemont, which is some 20 miles south of Basle, during Thursday night. The Swiss Federal Council's order for general mobilisation followed.

It is said that 17 bombs were dropped on the railway, damaging a section of the track. Railway communication, however, has not been interrupted.

More "foreign planes" flew over Basle yesterday morning.

## CHINESE PRESS COMMENT ON THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

News of Germany's invasion of the Netherlands and Belgium were splashed with glaring headlines in practically all Chinese papers in Hongkong on Saturday, says Central News.

Most of the paper devoted their front pages to the startling news, relegating Chinese news to places of secondary prominence, and played up in the local pages the communique issued by the Netherlands Consulate in Hongkong regarding Germany's invasion of the Netherlands.

Editorials on Hitler's new move in Europe were carried in the Ta Kung Pao, the Sing Tao Jih Pao, the Lih Pao, and several other papers.

The Ta Kung Pao said that the German invasion of the Netherlands and Belgium has apparently two main objectives: to gain a passage for a flanking attack on the French Maginot Line and to smash the Netherlands' and Belgium air and naval bases for an offensive against England. If the German strategem should materialise, there is danger of the contact between Allied forces being cut.

#### NOT TOO EASY

However, the paper observed, the invasion of the Netherlands and Belgium will prove to be none too easy for the Reich armed forces. Belgium has an army of 600,000 strong and a quite strong navy and air force. She can, at any moment, break any of her dams as a strategic defensive move. The Netherlands has a standing army of about 36,000 strong but can be increased to 600,000 at war time, and has a strong defence line. Moreover, the Allies are reported to have consented to send troops to aid the invaded countries, where the entry of their troops will involve no such difficulty as was encountered in Norway.

In fact, Germany's invasion of the Netherlands and Belgium affords a good opportunity for the Allies to recover their lost prestige in the Norwegian stage of the war and regain the confidence of the small neutrals in them, the paper remarked.

Turning to the Far Eastern situation, the paper said that as a result of the German

invasion of the Low Countries, the Netherlands Indies has been placed automatically in the same position as the British and French Colonies in the Far East and their interests are indivisible.

The paper believed that the United States will not remain indifferent to the Far Eastern situation in view of the new development in Europe. The U.S. Government's order to its navy to remain indefinitely in the Pacific is a significant gesture.

#### AMERICA WATCHED

The Sing Tao Jih Pao believed that as a result of the new development in Europe the British Cabinet crisis will be settled presently.

The paper expressed the fear that in view of the extension of the European war peace in southeast Europe may not last long.

The Lih Pao said the future of the Netherlands East Indies hinges less upon the Netherlands' involvement in the European war as upon the attitude of the United States. It believed that Japan will not dare to make any dramatic move in the Pacific before a careful study of the U.S. attitude.

## A Bomb For A Bomb

PARIS, May 11 (Havas)—The Foreign Minister announces that the French Government, in the answer given to President Roosevelt on September 1, 1939, assured him the French air force had been ordered to refrain from bombing civil populations and to limit bombings to military objectives.

The French Government now wishes publicly to proclaim that they reserve the right to resort to any action they consider appropriate in the case of civilian populations being bombed by the Germans either in France or Britain or in countries assisted by France.

#### AND BRITAIN, TOO

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—The British Government proclaims they reserve to themselves the right to take any action they think appropriate in the event of bombing by the enemy of civilian populations, whether in the United Kingdom or France or in countries assisted by the United Kingdom.

A communique to this effect, in similar terms to the French statement issued earlier, in the afternoon, was issued by the Foreign Office last evening.

## HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

### MR. CHURCHILL TO LEAD NEW GOVERNMENT

### Hitler Has Miscalculated Mind Of British People

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter)—An official announcement from No. 10 Downing Street states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain has resigned office as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury this evening and that Mr. Winston Churchill has accepted the King's invitation to fill the position.

The Prime Minister desires that all Ministers should remain at their posts and discharge their functions with freedom and responsibilities while the necessary arrangements for the formation of a new administration are made.

His Majesty the King received Mr. Neville Chamberlain in audience at Buckingham Palace on Friday shortly after 5 p.m. B.S.T. Mr. Churchill was received by the King five minutes after Mr. Chamberlain left the Palace.

"What had to be ascertained was the conditions which would be necessary to enable such a united Government to be formed, and to this question I have devoted myself with the assistance of some of my colleagues yesterday afternoon."

"By afternoon of today, it was apparent that the essential unity could be secured under another Prime Minister, though not under myself. In those circumstances my duty was plain."

#### RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

"I sought an audience of His Majesty the King this evening and tendered to him my resignation which His Majesty has been pleased to accept. His Majesty has now entrusted to my friend and colleague, Mr. Winston Churchill, the task of forming a new administration on a National basis, and in this task, no question will be successful."

"For this purpose my other colleagues in the Government have intimated to me that they will place their resignations in Mr. Churchill's hands, but they will of course retain their present offices, pending the appointment of a new Government."



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tested already, and you and I must rally behind our new leader, and with united strength and an unshakable courage, fight and work until this wild beast, that has sprung upon us out of his lair, be finally disarmed and overthrown."

## ITALIAN PRESS COMMENTS

ROME, May 11 (Reuter)—Leading articles in the press develop the argument that neutral countries were bound by force of circumstances to become the battlefield. In no paper outside the Vatican organ, Osservatore Romano, does one word of sympathy for the Belgians and Netherlands appear.

## "SCARES" ARE DEPRECATED

MELBOURNE, May 11 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies stated that he deprecated the "scares" about the East Indies in relation to Australia, adding that "all relative powers" indicate they propose to preserve the status quo and there was no weighty reasons why we should accept their statement."



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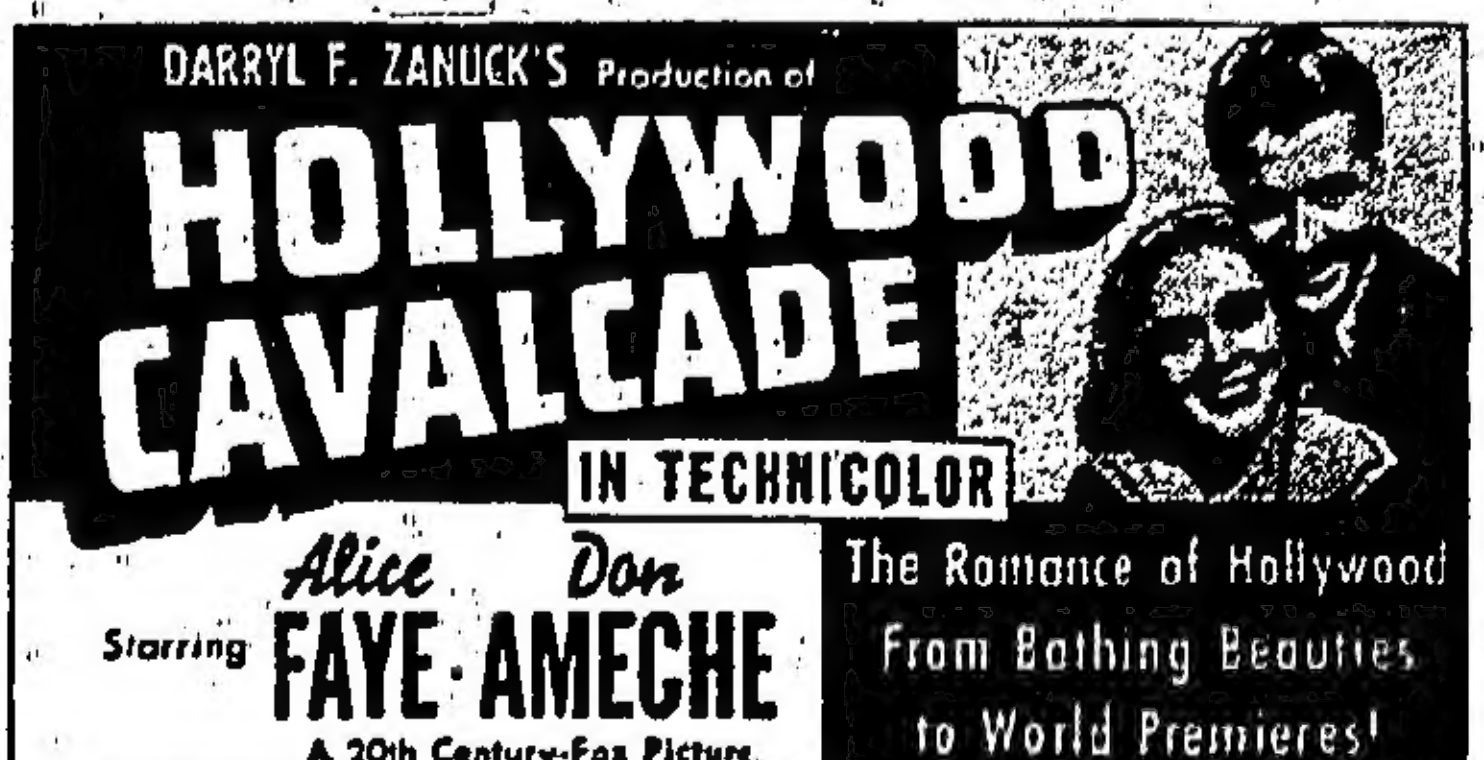
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## SAPPER'S RECORD WIN IN WHITSUN HANDICAP

### Three Three-Figure Dividends In Yesterday's Races

### MR. DON BLACK TOPS RIDERS' LIST

Some thrilling racing marked the first day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Whitsun Meeting yesterday, when a large crowd enjoyed a good afternoon's sport in typical summer weather. Highlight of the day was the lowering of the One Mile record for Australian ponies by Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper who won the Whitsun Handicap in dash-like style in 1 min. 42 3/5 secs. lowering by 1 3/5 secs. the previous record held by Strathroy.

Although the going was excellent, the times run in all the other races were slow, but there were many close and exciting finishes, and, except for three major upsets, dividends were moderate. Favourites were prominent in many of the finishes, however.

It was a day of long races, and it is noteworthy that the two best dividends were paid by the winners of the two sprint events over half-a-mile and 170 yards. West Lake paying \$222.20 on winning the first section of the Shatin Handicap and Emergency Call \$207.50 on winning the second section. The last race also provided a surprise finish when Amber 11 flashed past the post first to pay \$137.60.

Mr. Don Black was the most successful jockey with three wins and a second while Mr. H. J. A. Hearne had one win and three places. Messrs. Wood, Yeung Wing-kai, S. W. Fan, S. L. Sung and H. S. Chang rode a winner each.

#### DAILY DOUBLE

The Daily Double paid \$273.10 to each of 30 ticket-holders of the correct combination of Thirty-Six and Centre Court. Altogether 162 tickets were sold on the Double Pari-Mutuel.

The meeting opened with a mild upset when Gladiator won the first race to pay \$28.50, the favourite Advancing Time having failed completely.

#### TWO-HORSE SHOW

The second race was a two-horse affair in which after two false starts in which Caterick Bridge went off with a flash, both ponies were sent off together. Caterick Bridge took the lead and was slightly in front all way round to the distance when Rowan challenged and the two raced neck and neck in a thrilling finish in which Rowan passed the post half-a-length in front with five pounds in hand. Caterick Bridge gave the other candidate 20 lbs. and this may have been mainly why Rowan carried most of the betting.

Eve of Reason was the only other favourite to finish first. In the Whitsun Handicap, Far View, hot favourite was beaten by Sapper, while Australian Diamond, the second favourite was third. The favourite in the fifth race, Strathbannock, was also beaten by Thirty-Six who paid \$34.40, and in the first section of the Shatin Handicap the favourite Sunlight View was again second. In the Spencer Handicap the favourite Income Tax was third, while in the remaining events the favourites failed badly.

Following are the full results with brief notes on how the horses ran:—

#### RACE ONE

Going off with the tape Musketeer and Galveston Bay set up a terrific pace and maintained it right round to the Rock with Rose Emily and Gladiator in close attendance. Musketeer led into the straight where Gladiator came up strongly on the outside and took the lead. At the Distance Post Rose Evelyn challenged strongly but could only finish second. Musketeer was third and Galveston Bay, second in demand, fourth. Advancing Time, the favourite, was never prominent.

1.—Lead Mine Handicap—First Section—"C" Class (One and a Half Miles)  
Mr. Eve's Eve of Reason, 151 lbs. (Mr. A. D. Coppin) 2  
Mr. Fans' Musketeer, 159 lbs. (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) 3  
Won by one length, five lengths between second and third.  
Time: 3.08.  
Pari-Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$28.10  
Places: \$11.60, \$11.80, \$10.40.  
Also ran: Advancing Time 151 lbs. (Ho. Hong Ping); Galveston Bay 114 (G. Trevorton); Guinness Time 148 (S. W. Lee); Rose Fiana 158 (Lo G. Hin); Rose-Queen 140 (F. A. Sequeira).

Betting  
Advancing Time ... 950 ... 927  
Galveston Bay ... 699 ... 671  
Gladiator ... 508 ... 382

#### "LAST QUARTER" RIGHT AGAIN

"Last Quarter," the Daily Press racing expert, was again successful in his selections for yesterday's races when he named six of the nine winners.

In addition, eight other ponies selected by him were placed, making a total of 14 successes in 27 selections.

Three direct winners given by "Last Quarter" were Gladiator, Sapper and Centre Court. Rowan, Eve of Reason and Amber 11, though tipped for places, won their races, while the following others were placed:—Rose Evelyn, Hughher, Far View, Strathbannock, Sunlight View, Twilight Star, Valorous and Income Tax.

All racing fans should be regular followers of "Last Quarter" in the Hongkong Daily Press.

|               |      |      |
|---------------|------|------|
| Guinness Time | 123  | 152  |
| Musketeer     | 684  | 473  |
| Rose Evelyn   | 258  | 369  |
| Rose Fiana    | 18   | 22   |
| Rose-Queen    | 68   | 118  |
|               | 3281 | 3114 |

#### RACE TWO

After two false starts the field of two was sent off together. Caterick Bridge was in front all the way round to the distance post where Rowan, the favourite, came up to provide a thrilling finish and win by half a length.

2.—Warwick Farm Handicap—(One and a Quarter Miles)  
Mr. Ash's Rowan, 162 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 1  
Mrs. Pearce's Caterick Bridge, 142 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2  
Won by half-length.  
Time: 2.21  
Pari-Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$7.70  
Places: \$7.70.

|                 |      |     |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| Caterick Bridge | 528  | 149 |
| Rowan           | 710  | 197 |
|                 | 1238 | 343 |

#### RACE THREE

Eve of Reason and Eve of Reason were in front of a bunched field as they passed the stands. Down the back stretch Hughher moved up and was third at the Rock.

On entering the straight Eve of Reason, the favourite, took the lead and went on win while Hughher, second in demand, moved up to all second position. Eve of Reason being third and Attack Time fourth.

3.—Stonewall Handicap—(One and a Quarter Miles)  
Mr. Eve's Eve of Reason, 151 lbs. (Mr. Black) 1  
Mr. Marber's Hughher, 152 lbs. (Mr. Chao) 2  
Mr. Eve's Eve of Reason, 143 lbs. (Mr. J. Barrow) 3  
Won by one and half lengths, two lengths between second and third.  
Time: 2.32  
Pari-Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$5.30, \$5.90, \$8.50.  
Also ran: Attack Time 158 lbs. (P. Y. T. Wei); Bronze Arrow 140 (W. G. Poy); Care Free 140 (S. L. Yuen); Hillsboro Bay 143 (V. V. Needa).

|               |      |      |
|---------------|------|------|
| Attack Time   | 268  | 329  |
| Bronze Arrow  | 42   | 98   |
| Care Free     | 18   | 43   |
| Eve of Reason | 110  | 178  |
| Eve of Reason | 2617 | 2018 |
| Hillsboro Bay | 203  | 333  |
| Hughher       | 467  | 665  |
|               | 3721 | 2664 |

#### RACE FOUR

The field went past the stands almost in line, with Flying Dutchman slightly in front. As they strung out in the back stretch, Flying Dutchman was well in front, with Melody Star, Ascot Day and Sapper following in that order.

At the Rock Sapper, third favourite, moved up, and leading into the straight went on to win easily, keeping off a strong challenge from Far View, hot favourite, and Australian Diamond, second in demand, who filled the minor positions in that order. Vanity Fair, making a last-minute spurt, took fourth place from Flying Dutchman, while Melody Star and Ascot Day finished in the rack.

4.—Whitsun Handicap—(One Mile)  
Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper, 163 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1  
Mr. Lan's Far View, 165 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2  
Mr. Diamond's Australian Diamond, 145 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 3  
Won by one length, three lengths between second and third. Time: 1.42.3 (record).  
Pari-Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$28.60  
Places: \$5.60, \$5.70, \$6.40.  
Also ran: Albury 148 lbs. (W. G. Poy); Ascot Day 148 (L. B. Chao); Connleber 148 (H. M. B. D. Davis); Contact 152 (W. H. S. Davis); Flying Dutchman 141 (G. Trevorton); Melody Star 155 (H. J. R. Hearne); Vanity Fair 148 (V. V. Needa); Viceroy 145 (S. C. Liang).

|                    |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Albury             | 8    | 21   |
| Ascot Day          | 213  | 277  |
| Australian Diamond | 934  | 1030 |
| Connleber          | 15   | 24   |
| Contact            | 375  | 549  |
| Far View           | 2852 | 1940 |
| Flying Dutchman    | 63   | 125  |
| Melody Star        | 33   | 46   |
| Sapper             | 895  | 935  |
| Vanity Fair        | 395  | 398  |
| Viceroy            | 21   | 60   |
|                    | 5804 | 5408 |

#### RACE FIVE

The field passed the stands in a bunch with Eve of Hunting slightly in front. In the back stretch Salvage Master and Seonick View were seen to move up but at the Rock, they were displaced by Thirty-Six and Strathbannock who led into the straight and were first and second past the post, respectively.

Seonick View was third and Salvage Master, least fancied, fourth. Silver Wings, hot favourite, also was in the picture, while Eve of Hunting, second favourite, faded hopelessly in the home run and finished in the rack.

5.—Lead Mine Handicap—Second Section—"C" Class (One and a Half Miles)  
Mr. Numeral's Thirty-Six, 158 lbs. (Mr. Yeung Wing-kai) 1  
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## LAWN BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

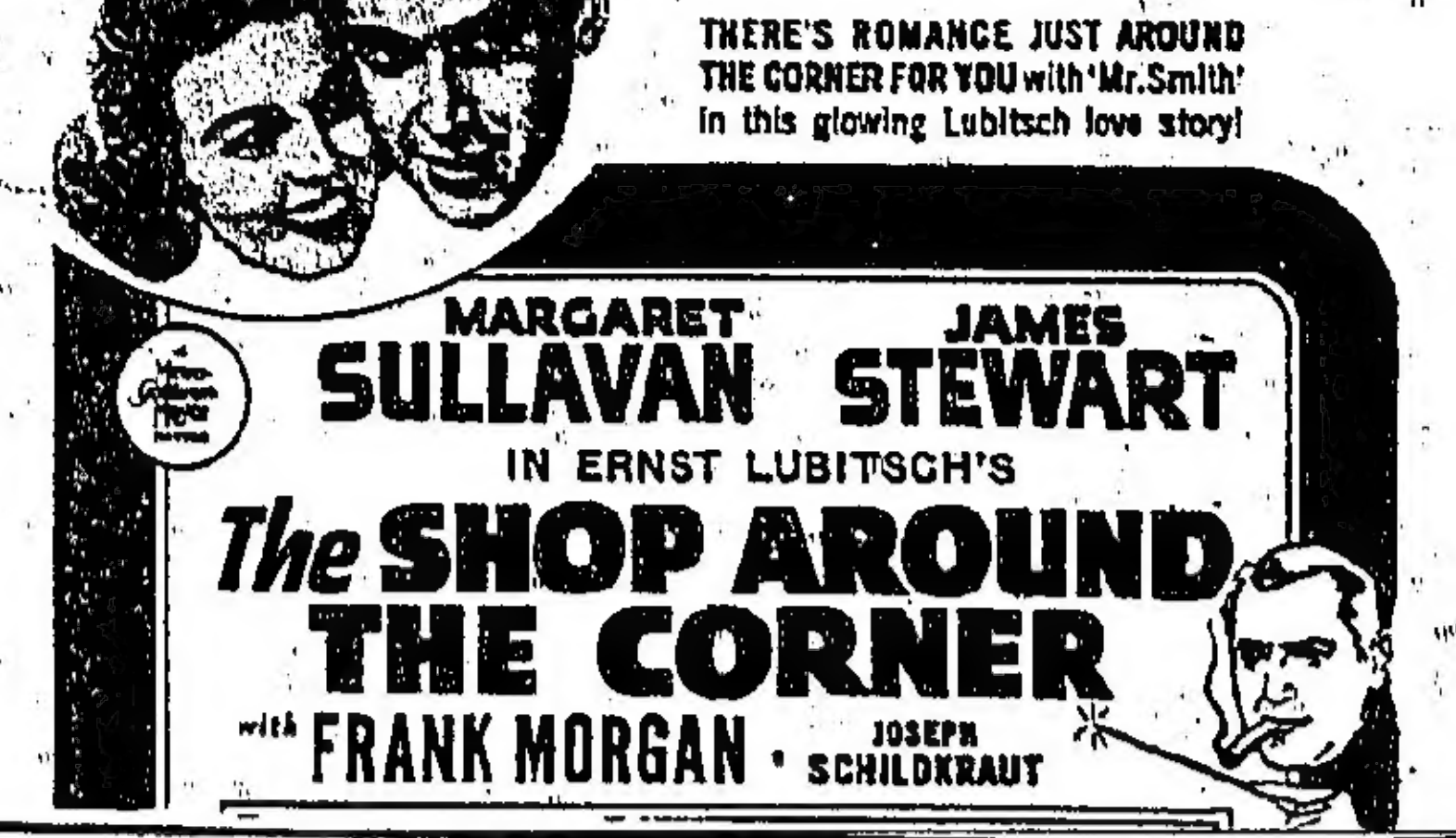
The following were the results of yesterday's Lawn Bowls League matches:

| First Division         |    |                        |    |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Kowloon Cricket Club   | 55 | Club de Recreio "A"    | 67 |
| Club de Recreio "B"    | 64 | Kowloon Docks R.C.     | 54 |
| Police Recreation Club | 66 | Civil Service C.C.     | 58 |
| Craigengower C.C.      | 52 | Kowloon Cricket Club   | 35 |
| Indian R.C.            | 50 | Kowloon B.C.C.         | 36 |
| Second Division        |    |                        |    |
| Civil Service C.C.     | 53 | Hongkong Cricket Club  | 52 |
| Club de Recreio        | 59 | Police Recreation Club | 50 |
| Kowloon Cricket Club   | 67 | Talkoo R.C.            | 68 |
| Kowloon B.C.C.         | 48 | Craigengower C.C.      | 63 |
| Kowloon F.C.           | 61 | Kowloon Tong G.C.A.    | 58 |
| Third Division         |    |                        |    |
| Hongkong C.C.          | 43 | Prison Officers' Club  | 34 |
| Hongkong F.C.          | 70 | Craigengower C.C.      | 46 |
| Kowloon B.C.C.         | 82 | Indian R.C.            | 32 |
| Kowloon F.C.           | 52 | Hongkong Electric R.C. | 63 |

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## FOOTBALL MATCH IN AID OF CHARITY

### Friends Of Wounded Soldiers Fund Benefits

In a closely contested football match at Caroline Hill yesterday, a team representing the Chinese Banks in Hongkong beat their foreign counterparts by the odd goal in seven.

Play in the opening minutes was confined to the Chinese end of the field, but after about 15 minutes Chung Yung-shen got possession of the leather and took it down on his own to send in a terrific shot which, however, hit the cross-bar. Taking the ball again on the rebound, Chung sent it into the net with Lee Holchuen, the goalie, sprawling on the ground.

Some even-play followed and despite attempts by both sides, no change came in the score sheet when the whistle, sounded for the interval.

HAU'S "HAT-TRICK"  
Hau Ching-to, the well-known Eastern winger, came into the picture in the second half when he did the "hat-trick" with three rapid goals, to give the Foreign Banks the lead.

Nothing daunted, the Chinese Banks made repeated raids on their opponents' goal and their efforts were rewarded when Cheung Kari-hoi scored twice to put them on level terms.

The closing minutes saw both sides striving to get the winning goal, which came for the Chinese when Qu Yung-shen scored.

#### THE TEAMS

The teams were:—  
FOREIGN BANKS:—Lee Holchuen; V. Ribeiro; J. Gosano; C. Silva Netto; J. Pereira; R. Marques; Souza; J. Alves; B. Gosano; Hau Ching-to; L. Silva.

CHINESE BANKS:—Cheung Wing-choi; Ng Shi-fa; Tsang Chung-wan; Yuen Sheng-kin; Ng Sai-wan; Han Chun; Chan Yui-tun; Chung Yung-shen; Leung Yui-wai; Cheung Kam-hoi; Ou Yung-sing.

FOR CHARITY  
Proceeds of the game will be donated to the Friends of the Wounded Soldiers fund. Gate receipts totalled \$1372.60 and the ball used in the game was sold by auction, falling under the hammer to Mr. Hsi Chichong who paid \$30 for it.

At the end of the game, Madame Wu Te-chen, wife of the Minister for Overseas Affairs, presented souvenirs to members of both teams.



## RACING RESULTS

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Mr. J. F. MacGregor's Strathbannock, 154 lbs.  
(Mr. G. Trevelton) 2  
Mr. Lan's Scenic View, 157 lbs.  
(Mr. H. A. Botelho) 3  
Won by three-lengths, length and half between second and third.  
Time: 3:12.0.  
Parl Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$34.40.  
Places: \$12.30, \$9.80, \$11.90.

Also ran: Chatterbox 150 lbs. (Yeung Wing Sing); Clowner 140 (T. W. Chatter); Commencement Bay 154 (Chu Ki Fan); Eve of Hunting 158 (J. Barrow); Eve of Peace 158 (Hoo Pak Hong); Salvage Master 140 (Hoo Hong Ping); Silver Wings 161 (S. W. Lee).

| Betting          | Win. Place |
|------------------|------------|
| Chatterbox       | 89 82      |
| Clowner          | 227 273    |
| Commencement Bay | 282 238    |
| Eve of Hunting   | 987 779    |
| Eve of Peace     | 180 122    |
| Salvage Master   | 76 124     |
| Scenic View      | 299 536    |
| Silver Wings     | 1508 1088  |
| Strathbannock    | 877 778    |
| Thirty Six       | 631 505    |
|                  | 4934 4585  |

## RACE SIX

Portrush took the lead from a good start and maintained it to the distance where it was beaten into third place by West Lake and Sunlight View, the favourite, who were first and second in a thrilling finish. Wilber was a poor fourth. This time, though almost as well-fancied as the favourite, never had a chance.

6.—Shatin Handicap.—1st Section (About Half Mile 170 Yards)

Mr. S. W. Lee's West Lake, 155 lbs. (Mr. S. W. Pan) 1  
Mr. Lan's Sunlight View, 158 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pin) 2  
Dr. S. K. Lee's Portrush, 155 lbs. (Mr. H. S. Chang) 3  
Won by half-length, one length between second and third.  
Time: 1:09.4.  
Parl Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$22.20.  
Places: \$36.20, \$9.10, \$14.50.

Also ran: Bressay 154 lbs. (Hearne); Fel Ying 140 (Ho Hong Ping); Kut Cheung 154 (S. L. Sung); Phoenix 161 (S. C. Liang); Smiling Time 168 (D. Black); Soldier of China 158 (B. L. Tao); This Time 149 (P. Y. T. Wei); Wilber 154 (L. B. Chao); Willynilly 156 (S. L. Yuen).

| Betting          | Win. Place |
|------------------|------------|
| Bressay          | 165 135    |
| Fel Ying         | 13 34      |
| Kut Cheung       | 52 58      |
| Phoenix          | 371 309    |
| Portrush         | 623 482    |
| Smiling Time     | 233 228    |
| Soldier of China | 305 265    |
| Sunlight View    | 1669 1117  |
| This Time        | 1603 1254  |
| West Lake        | 118 147    |
| Wilber           | 632 897    |
| Willynilly       | 163 168    |
|                  | 5947 5102  |

## RACE SEVEN

Centre Court, third favourite led from start to finish. Comedy Star, Ruby Star and Twilight Star were prominent in the early stages. Comedy Star weakened in the home run and was only able to finish fourth while Ruby Star took second place and Twilight Star, the favourite, third. Roofly second in demand, was never prominent.

7.—Bondi Handicap.—(One and a Half Miles)

Mr. T. K. Lo's Centre Court, 155 lbs. (Mr. S. L. Sung) 1  
Mr. E. S. K's Ruby Star, 135 lbs. (Mr. S. W. Pan) 2  
Mr. C. W. K's Twilight Star, 155 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 3  
Won by five lengths, many lengths between second and third.  
Time: 2:48.3.  
Parl Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$29.20.  
Places: \$9.50, \$18.40, \$6.90.

Also ran: Comedy Star 145 lbs. (H. S. Chang); Discovery Bay 135 (S. L. Yuen); Forehand Drive 143 (S. W. Lee); Roofly 159 (S. C. Liang); Snowy River 159 (S. C. Liang); Strathcarrick 152 (Black).

| Betting        | Win. Place |
|----------------|------------|
| Centre Court   | 882 664    |
| Comedy Star    | 147 129    |
| Discovery Bay  | 422 296    |
| Forehand Drive | 26 22      |
| Roofly         | 1405 1281  |
| Ruby Star      | 352 220    |
| Snowy River    | 110 110    |
| Strathcarrick  | 640 492    |
| Twilight Star  | 1858 1553  |
|                | 5942 4787  |

## RACE EIGHT

Talkative, favourite, and Palmer were in front of a bunched field up

to the home bend and down the straight. From the Distance Post Emergency Call, Valorous, second favourite, and Golden Cow forged ahead to finish in that order in a thrilling race.

Double Chance and March Brown, though well fancied, were badly bunched and could not get through. They finished in the Ruch.

Jack O'Lantern was withdrawn.

8.—Shatin Handicap.—2nd Section (About Half Mile 170 Yards)

Mr. Kia Ora's Emergency Call, 151 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. Helenside's Valorous, 140 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Mr. Fan's Golden Cow, 148 lbs. (Mr. S. C. Liang) 3

Won by a head, a head between second and third.

Time: 1:12.0.  
Parl Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$207.50.  
Places: \$35.00, \$11.50, \$14.20.

Also ran: Ascot Vale 151 lbs. (W. G. Poy); Bogy 140 (S. W. Pan); Dekko 144 (Ho Hong Ping); Desert Star 158 (S. W. Tang); Double Chance 161 (L. B. Chao); Gold Coin 153 (H. C. Pin); Good Morning 161 (C. H. Chang); Hopeful Time 161 (R. M. Wood); March Brown 151 (G. Trevelton); Palmer 158 (P. Y. T. Wei); Piet Hein 160 (V. Y. Needa); Talkative 153 (S. L. Sung); Tim 161 (S. L. Yuen); Zero 151 (F. L. Haynes).

| Betting        | Win. Place |
|----------------|------------|
| Ascot Vale     | 168 156    |
| Bogy           | 35 28      |
| Dekko          | 10 12      |
| Desert Star    | 159 85     |
| Double Chance  | 708 415    |
| Emergency Call | 129 150    |
| Gold Coin      | 270 186    |
| Golden Cow     | 583 491    |
| Good Morning   | 9 7        |
| Hopeful Time   | 10 15      |
| Jack O'Lantern | withdrawn  |
| March Brown    | 711 561    |
| Palmer         | 523 374    |
| Piet Hein      | 344 178    |
| Talkative      | 1051 845   |
| Tim            | 551 362    |
| Valorous       | 763 694    |
| Zero           | 50 42      |
|                | 6071 4581  |

## RACE NINE

Schmetterling set the pace. The rest were bunched most of the way. In the home run Amber II, Brown Derby, second favourite, and Income Tax, the favourite, forged ahead to take the honours in a thrilling finish. Dick Turpin, third in demand, was prominent early but failed in the final lap.

9.—Spencer Handicap.—(About One Mile 171 Yards)

Mr. Highlight's Amber II, 140 lbs. (Mr. H. S. Chang) 1

Mr. Cocoa's Brown Derby, 147 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 2

Mr. Taxpayer's Income Tax, 160 lbs. (Mr. S. C. Liang) 3

Won by short head, the same between second and third.

Time: 2:00.2.  
Parl Mutuel:—  
Winner: \$137.60.  
Places: \$14.70, \$7.30, \$6.00.

Also ran: Colorado Star 137 lbs. (Davis); Dick Turpin 155 (L. B. Chao); Pumelo 141 (P. Y. T. Wei); Schmetterling 135 (S. L. Yuen); Sea Urchin 150 (T. W. Chatter); Tarzan 135 (Hoo Pak-ming).

| Betting       | Win. Place |
|---------------|------------|
| Amber II      | 193 152    |
| Brown Derby   | 1252 694   |
| Colorado Star | 653 441    |
| Dick Turpin   | 1028 400   |
| Income Tax    | 2012 1533  |
| Pumelo        | 451 228    |
| Schmetterling | 263 161    |
| Sea Urchin    | 72 38      |
| Tarzan        | 99 56      |
|               | 6023 3673  |

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., May 11.

Barometer, (at sea level), 29.89 ins.

Temperature, 80 F.

Humidity, 69 per cent.

Wind Direction, S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 87 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 77 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 23.90 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.54 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.45 a.m.

4 p.m., May 11.

Barometer, (at sea level), 29.76 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 83 per cent.

Wind Direction, SSW.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 84 F.

Minimum temperature, 77 F.

Rainfall, nil.

## CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1  
No. 2442 ..... \$1,580.80  
No. 2485 ..... \$451.60  
No. 81 ..... \$325.80  
Tickets Nos. 3180, 625, 2373, 2597, 2062 get \$50 each.

RACE 2  
No. 3019 ..... \$2,052.00  
No. 342 ..... \$684.00

RACE 3  
No. 3256 ..... \$1,988.00  
No. 3628 ..... \$568.00  
No. 3916 ..... \$284.00  
Tickets Nos. 1942, 1456, 953, 783 get \$50 each.

RACE 4  
No. 274 ..... \$1,954.40  
No. 3883 ..... \$558.40  
No. 2795 ..... \$279.20  
Tickets Nos. 3006, 228, 2090, 2702, 2090, 3304, 4075, 2620, 2946 get \$50 each.

RACE 5  
No. 1118 ..... \$2,122.40  
No. 1792 ..... \$606.40  
No. 3758 ..... \$303.20  
Tickets Nos. 1505, 3703, 1170, 4234, 3023, 152, 2492 get \$50 each.

RACE 6  
No. 1848 ..... \$2,025.80  
No. 2104 ..... \$578.80  
No. 4002 ..... \$289.40  
Tickets Nos. 1127, 3689, 2124, 904, 1432, 4000, 12, 1069, 1316 get \$50 each.

RACE 7  
No. 2647 ..... \$2,210.80  
No. 2758 ..... \$631.60  
No. 1822 ..... \$315.80  
Tickets Nos. 204, 2637, 3177, 3448, 1624, 2078 get \$50 each.

RACE 8  
No. 256 ..... \$1,935.50  
No. 3791 ..... \$553.00  
No. 2123 ..... \$276.50  
Tickets Nos. 1348, 3420, 3600, 3458, 2180, 3688, 2028, 2518, 2745, 4434, 1708, 3998, 4617, 2750, 3642 get \$50 each.

RACE 9  
No. 238 ..... \$4,501.00  
No. 3429 ..... \$1,286.00  
No. 3088 ..... \$643.00  
Tickets Nos. 1031, 4618, 358, 3982, 2474, 2173 get \$100 each.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPING

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter).—The following message has been addressed to all Dutch and Belgian ships by the Admiralty.

"The following instructions are from the Royal Netherlands and Belgian Governments. Holland and Belgium are at war with Germany and Dutch and Belgian merchantships destined for Holland, Belgium or Germany are to proceed to the nearest British or French port for instructions.

"Other Dutch and Belgian merchantships are to continue their voyages."

## Full Confidence In The Dutch Colonies Expressed

Further to Friday's information to the Press, the Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong now states that, according to telegraphic information received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs at The Hague, through the Royal Netherlands Legation in London, whatever may be the fate of the Netherlands in Europe, the Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, as well as the Governors of Surinam (Netherlands Guyana) and Curacao (Netherlands West Indies) are not only entirely competent, but also able to continue their administration in those parts of the Kingdom and to maintain interior and exterior public order.

Consequently any intervention of Third powers is being declined by the Netherlands Government. The Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao form, according to the Dutch Constitution, as well as the Netherlands in Europe, separate parts of the Kingdom, so that the occupation of a larger or smaller area of one of those parts has no legal consequences affecting the other parts.

MEASURES TAKEN  
In the Netherlands Overseas Territories, measures have been taken to prohibit the commercial and financial relations with the area occupied by Germany in the European Netherlands.

The Act concerning the Transfer of the Seats of Limited Liability Companies has come into force. The Legations and Consulates of the Netherlands, anywhere except in Germany and non-Netherlands territories occupied by that country, will continue to function normally, even in case the entire Kingdom in Europe would be occupied.

The Governments of the Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao have now authority independently to issue instructions to Ministers and Consuls abroad, concerning matters pertaining to their territories.

## NEW BOXING CHAMPION

NEW YORK, May 11 (Reuter).—Low Jenkins, of Sweetwater, Texas, won the world lightweight boxing championship according to the New York Commission, beating the holder, Lou Ambers, on a technical knockout in the third round after four knock downs.



M. TATARESCU, who has been asked to form a new Government in Rumania by King Carol.

## RUMANIAN GOVT. RESIGNS

BUCHAREST, May 11 (Reuter).—The Rumanian Government has resigned. King Carol has asked the outgoing Premier, M. Tatarescu, to form a new Government. This is interpreted as a prelude to the formation of a Government of National Unity, comprising representatives of all former Parties.

## "BAD AND INACCURATE"

## WHAT THE R.A.F. SAID ABOUT NAZI BOMBING

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter).—Charles Gardner, the B. B. C. correspondent with the R. A. F. in France, said last night that just as the sun was rising, the first German planes came over dropping down and looking for their targets, which proved to be the R. A. F. aerodromes.

They dropped a number of smallish bombs and the R. A. F. tersely commented that the bombing was "bad and inaccurate" and there were no casualties.

One house and two cottages were hit. Anti-aircraft guns opened up and drove the raiders off. More raiders came over in waves, however, and by 6 a.m. there was a series of battles all over the place. Five Dorniers were shot down and four others were so badly damaged that it is unlikely that they got home safely.

## FIGHTERS BUSY

Our Hurricane fighters were very busy, popping down to reload ammunition and refuel and

then going up again. Two of them caught a Heinkel and raked it with their bullets from tail to cockpit, and it went crashing down. Two of the crew were dead and others were taken prisoner by the French.

A formation of Junker-88's was broken up, one going down in flames. A lone Hurricane broke up a formation of five Dorniers and then had to break off when the fuel ran out. Other Hurricanes were engaged in three separate battles with Dorniers, claiming that three more were shot down.

## VILLAGES EVACUATED

A message from Reuter's special correspondent at Schepel Aerodrome, near Amsterdam, reported that he watched German bombers come over at 12,000 feet and then dive.

Despite earlier raids, the aerodrome's control tower is still standing and only the Dutch Air Line buildings were destroyed. He counted ten craters in the aerodrome and adjoining fields.

Schepel village and others in the neighbourhood have been evacuated and the road to Amsterdam yesterday evening was crowded with cars, lorries and other vehicles transporting civilians and their baggage.

## GERMAN CLAIM REFUTED

Reuter's Military Correspondent LONDON, May 11.—Official reports deny that the German landings by their parachute troops have so far gained their objective. "On the whole they were successfully counter-attacked by local troops," says a French communiqué.

It is easy to appreciate the dangers and practical difficulties which parachute troops have encountered. Their passage through the air has been strongly opposed by Allied fighters and the descent to the ground, which was necessarily slow, was dealt with by machine-guns and snipers.

## SHEER AUDACITY

Where the objectives were attained, there followed the problem of maintaining the force after landing. Nevertheless the scale on which the Germans have used parachute troops in Holland and Belgium is surprising. No court they banked on the sheer audacity of the plan to influence their strategy.

All Governments and armies are acutely vulnerable if taken in the rear. The Dutch and Belgians did well to detach the troops to deal with this threat for, as in Poland, the German object was to seize all aerodromes in the first few hours of their attack. In this they have been unsuccessful and so far from paralysing resistance from Allied aircraft, they have encountered it in strength.

## HEAVY TOLL

When official figures are available, the total of the German aircraft lost in one day will prove to be a heavy one. Insofar as the

## JAPANESE TROOPS ARE TRAPPED IN A VAST CHINESE STEEL RING IN HONAN-HUPEH AREA

CHUNGKING, May 11 (Central).—Chinese forces have launched a general counter-attack on the Japanese trapped in a vast Chinese steel ring in the Honan-Hupeh border areas.

Braving a driving thunderstorm, the Chinese have thrown their whole weight against the enemy, making sweeping advances. Three important towns in south Honan have been recaptured. They are Mingkiang, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, 24 miles north of Sinyang, Miyang, west of the railroad and north of Tungpeh, and Tangho, 32 miles west of Miyang.

Some 1,000 Japanese were slain at Mingkiang while the enemy dead at Miyang were 1,883. Miyang was lost to the Japanese on May 5. The Chinese columns which recaptured the two towns have effected a junction and are now sweeping the countryside for Japanese stragglers.

## JAPANESE LOSSES

The Japanese driven out from Tangho are fleeing in a westerly direction. Part of them reaching the "neighbourhood" of Sinyeh, near the north Hupeh border, have suffered further losses as a result of a Chinese attack.

On the north Hupeh front, Chinese units harassing the Japanese rear yesterday swooped down on some 3,000 invaders with 23 tanks and many trucks at Maping, southeast of Suhsien, in a lightning

attack. In view of the torrential rain, the Japanese tanks were rendered inactive and the enemy suffered serious losses.

Chinese troops are also making sweeping advances in east Hupeh. As a result of a smashing attack on Kwanchiao, the Chinese are now rapidly pushing toward Wusueh, on the north bank of the Yangtze River below Kichun. Japanese communications near Wusueh have been severed.

## ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CHINESE

Reinforced by more than 1,000 men, the Japanese at Wuhu, important Yangtze River port in south Anhwei 70 miles above Nanjing, commenced a drive toward Tsinglungshan nearby on Tuesday. Their objective was to block the Chinese who recently defeated the Japanese in a southward push and are now advancing north to the river bank. Fighting is reported still in progress on that sector.

In north Hunan the Chinese have cleaned up the Japanese at Fangsotung, northeast of Yoyang. Two batches of Japanese reinforcements were sent there in an attempt to regain the lost position but were repulsed with losses. It is estimated that the Japanese lost about 300 men and more than 100 army horses in the operations.

## FORTY PLANES WRECKED

PARIS, May 11 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that 40 German planes were brought down in French territory yesterday. The communiqué further states that "Anglo-French troops are advancing on a front extending from the North Sea to the Moselle and their progress continues on Belgian territory."

## RELIEF, NOW SUSPENSE HAS BEEN ENDED

## Allies No Longer On The Defensive: Firm Stand

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter).—In the face of the opening of the Blitzkrieg, the British press universally adopts a tone of confidence, and even relief, at the ending of suspense, complete trust in the new leadership having enhanced the unity of the British people as well as a deep sympathy for the new Allies, and admiration for their courage and preparedness.

The Times says that some measures of tactical surprise was unavoidable, but every detail had been prepared by the Allies for a strategic reply.

The Times welcomes this "grand alliance of our time for the destruction of forces of treachery and oppression" and says that there is apparent, amongst the English people, exhilaration at the thought of the great issues marching rapidly to a climax.

## THE SNARE THAT DID NOT WORK

"The fight will be fought out to very different issues from that which Hitler promised to his dupes."

The Daily Telegraph declares that the latest Nazi outrages have

"parachute stroke" is concerned, it has now been proved that it can be quickly located and overwhelmed by mechanised units in countries which have a network of main roads.

A correct report of the situation of the fighting on land will be difficult to obtain in the early stages of the battle. The operations in Luxembourg seem clear: the German attack extends up to the region of Sierck and slightly to the east of the Moselle.

## THE LINE BENDS

It is at Sierck that the Maginot line bends sharply towards the west to conform with the Luxembourg frontier, and the Germans, no doubt, hope to get their heavy artillery into enfilading positions from which they could damage the French fortifications.

The country on either side of the Moselle is thickly wooded and offers concealment for heavy batteries.

OTTAWA, May 11 (Reuter).—Emergency meetings of the Defence Council and the Federal Cabinet will be held and the speeding up of the Empire Air Training Scheme will be discussed.